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1. DURING MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS MARCH 15 (SEPTEL, NOTAL), SUDAN MINDEF LT. GEN. BESHIR MOHAMAD ALI TOLD AMBASSADOR AND DCM OF HIS COUNTRY'S CONCERN THAT WAR IN ERITREA WILL INTENSIFY SOON AND THAT IT WILL SPILL OVER INTO SUDAN. MINDEF SAID SUDANESE EXPECT WAR IN ERITREA TO HEAT-UP NOW THAT OGADEN CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN WON BY EPMG. HE FORESEES ETHIOPIANS INEVITABLY ATTACKING ERITREAN ELEMENTS NEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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BORDER OR EVEN IN SUDAN ITESELF, AND HE FURTHER ASSUMES SOVIETS WILL ABET SUCH AN EFFORT AS PART OF THEIR OWN LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE. AMBASSADOR INFORMED MINDEF THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT CUBANS, AT LEAST, DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN OGADEN, WHERE FOREIGN AGGRESSION OCCURRED, AND ERITREA. NONETHELESS, WE AGREED ONE COULD NOT AT THIS STAGE BE CERTAIN OF CUBAN ROLE IN ERITREA.

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